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The Montana State Library Commission met Wednesday, June 14th in Helena. The following actions were taken:

- The Commission voted to accept the recommendations of the State Library's coal severance grant administrator, Sheila Cates, concerning the 1990 federation plans of service.
- The Commission voted to pursue the founding of a Center for the Book in Montana. The Center for the Book is a program which promotes books and reading. The Center originated in the Library of Congress and now has 19 member states.
- The Commission reviewed the proposed administrative rules for using state funds to reimburse libraries for interlibrary loan expenditures. The rules, which are a prerequisite for dispersing the funds approved in House Bill 193, were given tentative approval subject to a public hearing to be held at an unspecified date. Libraries will be receiving copies of the proposed rules as well as advance notice of the hearing.
- The Commission also approved a policy for distribution of other House Bill 193 funds to support Federation activities and services. Public libraries will be receiving copies of this distribution policy, as well.

Commission Chair, Mary Hudspeth, announced that the Governor has appointed Mary Doggett to the State Library Commission. Doggett, who is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Meagher County-City Library in White Sulphur Springs replaces Martha Davis whose Commission term expired in April.

Hudspeth also expressed thanks from the Commisssion to everyone who worked toward the passage of House Bill 193. She noted it was an effort that "involved a large number of people over a long period of time," and specifically mentioned the work of Millie Sullivan, Brenda Schye and Cheryl Hutchinson, lobbyists in past sessions as well as Gloria Hermanson who lobbied for the bill in 1989. Hudspeth went on to say that "the thanks really go to the citizens who testified, to those who wrote letters, who called their legislators and who wrote "thank you" letters and told their legislators how much they appreciated their votes."

Western Library Network is operating under a new name, "The WLN", and is looking for a new Chief Executive Officer. A business plan is being formulated and the future of the bibliographic utility looks good.

There are three new pamphlets available from WLN. Topics covered in each are "Database Contributors," "System Overview," and "Lasercat- WLN on CD-ROM." They are non-technical and informative. Write to WLN, Washington State Library, Mail Stop AJ11W, Olympia, WA., 98504.

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September 1989 will be the second annual National Library Card Sign-Up Month. New American Library Association (ALA) promotional materials feature characters from the "Wee Pals" comic strip. In addition to producing the new materials, ALA invites librarians to enter a national competition with prizes to be awarded to librarians reporting the largest percentage of new library card registrants of all ages between September 1 and October 1, 1989. First prize is a $1,000 gift certificate for World Book products, second prize, a $500 certificate and third, a $250 certificate. Contest entry forms are available from the ALA Public Information Office, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL, 60611, Attention: Sign-Up Contest. A catalog with the new promotional materials and other items is available from the same office.

The State Library will soon be sending directory information forms to all libraries in Montana. Public libraries will also be sent statistical report forms in the same packet. The directory will be published and distributed before the statistical report, so the directory forms should be filled out and returned to the State Library immediately. Deadline for school librarians to return the forms will be September 7. All others (public, special, academic, and institutional) should return the directory forms by July 21. Public libraries must return completed statistical report forms by September 15. The directory will automatically be distributed at no charge to all public, special, academic and institutional libraries. Other libraries and interested parties may request a directory from Diane Gunderson, Montana State Library, 1515 E. 6th, Helena, MT, 59620. 444-5349.

David Olson, Director of the Western Montana College library in Dillon, is now Director of the University of Maine library in Farmington, Maine. Olson switched jobs in mid-June.

State Librarian, Richard Miller; and Coordinator of Library Development, Sheila Cates visited several southeastern Montana libraries on May 22 - 24. They had the opportunity to talk with librarians and others at Livingston, Laurel, Hardin, Lame Deer, Colstrip, Forsyth, Miles City, Roundup, White Sulphur Springs and at Little Big Horn College.

Upcoming events and meetings to be noted by the Montana library community include the Montana Library Association (MLA) Continuing Education Committee meeting in Bozeman on July 20, and the Governor's Literacy Council meeting in Helena on July 24.

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